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2 September 1949

- About 20 twin-engine Pe-2s had recently arrived at the COTTBUS (N 52/A 57) airfield. Fifteen single-engine aircraft with in-line engines and two biplanes were also parked there.

11 September 1949

Twelve searchlights with their crews arrived at the field.

14 to 19 September 1949

- Trucks loaded with bombs continually traveled from the railroad station to the airfield.

6 September 1949

- Fifteen twin-engine aircraft, covered with tarpaulins, were parked at the COTTBUS airfield. There was heavy truck traffic, loaded with furniture and billeting equipment, from the freight station to the field.

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13 September 1949

- A row of 12 twin-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engine and double rudder assemblies the same type as those observed at the FINOW (N 52/V 08) airfield, were parked on the northern edge of the COTTBUS field. There was no flying.

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6. Workers did grading work in the western section of the field where the runway was being extended across the road to GULBERG (N 52/A 57) (location see Annex). Concrete mixers were not observed. An anti-aircraft gun emplacement of two about 20-mm guns and a presumed range finder were located at the south-western corner of the field. The gun crew was quartered in bunkers. [REDACTED]

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Comment:

a. Report confirms the arrival of a bomber unit equipped with He-29.* According to the reported [REDACTED] this bomber unit was previously stationed in ORANIERBURG. [REDACTED] reported the transfer of units from ORANIERBURG.** The ground attack aircraft previously stationed in COPTBUS were presumably transferred to DORFENITZ and SCHOENWALLE.

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b. The reported expansion work on the western edge of the field was confirmed.* The EW-runway is apparently being extended toward the west.

1 Annex: Airfield of COPTBUS.

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